

United States Government
FY 02 Trade Capacity Building Assistance (\$US)
CENTRAL AMERICA, n.s.

Activity Title	Activity Description	TCB Category	FY 02 Total
American Center for International Labor Solidarity	The Solidarity Center's programs in Latin America focus mainly on strengthening the unions' capacity to organize, to bargain collectively, to administer their organizations in a democratic and sustainable manner, and to educate their members for political participation in a global economy. The ultimate goal of these programs is to enable trade unions to effectively promote democratic, equitable, and sustainable development, based on respect for fundamental human and worker rights, throughout the Americas. The program assists workers to exercise their rights under national labor laws, to create and strengthen workplace industrial unions, to strengthen collective bargaining through the establishment of regional structures linking unions in a particular sector, thus covering as many workers as possible under collective bargaining agreements and negotiating them successfully; and coordinate "framework agreements" that establish criteria for all of an employer's production facilities. These include the creation of economic research departments and legal departments with trained staff to support bargaining. Funded and implemented by USAID/DG.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	316,565
Environmental Enforcement	Provide policy and implementation tools to Central America on application and enforcement of regulations. Result: Greater capacity to enforce environmental regulations. Funded by USAID/G-CAP and implemented by EPA.	Environmental Trade & Standards	30,000
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	30,000
		Activity Total	60,000
Food Safety	Technical exchange and cooperation: EPA worked with Mexico to develop a procedure for identifying and resolving pesticide trade barriers among NAFTA countries. Specific trade barriers with Mexico have been resolved as identified (e.g., chlorothalonil on non-bell peppers resolved with establishment of a U.S. pesticide residue limit in 2001). Funded and implemented by EPA.	Agreement on SPS	5,000
Freedom of Association, Collective Bargaining and Industrial Relations in Central America Project (RELACENTRO)	This project aims To promote industrial relations, collective bargaining, and conflict resolution in Central America by: Training of employers and trade unions in relevant labor laws. Promotion of collective bargaining, conflict prevention, and dispute resolution. Strengthening of executive and judicial systems responsible for administering national labor laws. Funded and implemented by International Labor Affairs Bureau.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	390,000

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Harmonized Environmental Standards and Regulations	Training and technical information related to the development of harmonized environmental standards and regulations. Model regulations for the region in areas such as environmental impact assessments and various environmental media are developed as a basis for the development of national environmental regulations. Result: Harmonized environmental standards and regulations are developed in the region. Funded by USAID/G-CAP and implemented by EPA.	Environmental Trade & Standards	70,000
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	70,000
		Activity Total	140,000
International Environmental Agreements	Provide training and technical assistance for strengthening Central America's capacity to implement POPs and PIC Conventions; provide technical assistance for mobilization of resources to Central American countries through Global Environment Facility and other donor mechanisms; facilitate inter-sectoral cooperation on pesticide management issues at the national and regional level; strengthen Central America's capacity to recognize linkages between trade agreement and achievement of environmental objectives. Result: Key environmental agreements are effectively applied. Funded by USAID/G-CAP and implemented by EPA.	Agreement on SPS	50,000
		Environmental Trade & Standards	25,000
		Gov/Transparency & Inter-Agency Coord.	25,000
		Activity Total	100,000
Polluting Prevention	Provide viable and sustainable technical solutions to Central America to improve solid waste and wastewater management systems; strengthen capacity of Central America's private sector to apply cleaner production principles; and support regional dissemination of demonstration project success stories. Result: Increased use of less polluting technologies in Central America. Technical exchange and cooperation: EPA worked with Mexico to develop a procedure for identifying and resolving pesticide trade barriers among NAFTA countries. Specific trade barriers with Mexico have been resolved as identified (e.g., chlorothalonil on non-bell peppers resolved with establishment of a U.S. pesticide residue limit in 2001). Funded by USAID/G-CAP and implemented by EPA.	Environmental Trade & Standards	150,000
		Agreement on SPS	5,000
		Activity Total	155,000
Regional Environmental Audits System	Provide training and technical information to Central America on development of audits and accreditation systems. Result: A regional harmonized system for environmental auditing, registration and compliance certification is developed. Funded by USAID/G-CAP and implemented by EPA.	Environmental Trade & Standards	50,000
Regional IP Enforcement Conference	Regional IP enforcement conference. Participating countries were: Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and El Salvador (June 13-14, 2002). Funded and implemented by US Patent and Trademark Office.	Agreement on TRIPS	4,580

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Regional Occupational Safety and Health Project	The project aims to reduce the number of accidents and injuries in the workplace by: Establishing a Regional Occupational Safety and Health Center. Developing a national strategy to combat accidents and injuries for each participating country. Establishing demonstration projects with visits from Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) officers. Supporting labor ministries with equipment, training, data systems, and interagency coordination. Training maquila sector employers and workers in occupational safety and health (OSH). Developing national OSH plans for each country. Developing and implement an awareness campaign. Funded and implemented by International Labor Affairs Bureau.	Human Resources & Labor Standards	2,000,000
FY02 Total USG Trade Capacity Building Assistance to CENTRAL AMERICA, n.s.			3,216,145